4. *GOA*: They have intimated that the question of abolition of octroi duty cannot be accepted as it is a very good source of income to the Local Bodies and if the same is abolished, the financial position of every Municipality will be very critical.

5. *PONDICHERRY*: They have intimated that as no alternative source for raising the revenue to compensate the loss once the octroi is abolished has been sighted. It is therefore too premature to think of abolition of octroi.

Eradication of corruption in Railways

1285. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govement have chalked out any plan to eradicate corruption in the Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An Action Plan has been drawn up which is being acted upon. This calls for intensification of vigilance activities, especially in the following areas:—

(1) Mass contact areas like booking, reservation, luggage/parcels, goods and catering where public can be hurt/harassed.

(2) Where there is possibility of large sums of public money being misused/wasted, or leakage of revenue.

(3) Recruitment and selection of staff.

The activities comprise both preventive and punitive measures. The preventive measures include simplification/modification of rules/procedures (to prevent or reduce scope for malpractices), information gathering, identification of suspect persons & corruption-prone areas for maintaining watch periodic transfer of officers and staff on sensitive posts, premature retirement of officers/staff of suspect integrity, largescale education of staff supervisory officials and public and their involvement in vigilance, and regular and frequent checks. Punitive measures include speedy investigations and disciplinary proceedings, and imposition of deterrent punishment in proven cases of malpractices and corruption.

Regular and frequent liasion is maintained with the Central Bureau of Innvestigation, who supplement the Railways' Vigilance Work.

भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा दिल्ली में डबलरोटी निर्माताओं को रियायती दर पर गेहूं की आपूर्ति

1286. **श्री राम जेठमलानी**: क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय खाद्य निगम ने दिल्ली में डबलरोटी निर्माताओं को 280/–रुपये प्रति क्विंटल की रियायती दर से गेहूं की आपूर्ति करना बंद कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो अब उन्हें किस दर पर गेहूं दिये जाने का विचार है; और

(ग) क्या उन्हें अपने उत्पादों का मूल्य बढ़ाने की अनुमति भी दे दी गई है?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री राव बीरेन्द्र सिंह): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) भारतीय खाद्य निगम देश भर में सभी प्रयोक्ताओं अर्थात् रोलर फ्लोर मिलों, डबलरोटी निर्माताओं, व्यापारियों, आटा चक्कियों और राज्य की नियंत्रणाधीन एजेंसियों को 320/–रु० प्रति क्विंटल की दर पर गेहूं बेच रहा है ; लेकिन इसमें दक्षिणी जोन शामिल नहीं है, जहां इस प्रयोजन के लिए गेहूं का मूल्य 330/–रु० प्रति क्विंटल निर्धारित किया गया है।